

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in this application. Claims 1-44 stand rejected. In light of the arguments set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

The title of the invention has been objected to as not being descriptive, and a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed is required. The title has been amended to "System for Providing Content from a Host to a Printer Device." Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

The disclosure was also objected to for informalities. Accordingly, on page 2, line 6 the original phrase "works in an office next town" has been replaced with "works in an office in the next town" to conform with the Examiner's requirements. Additionally, on page 2 line 6 the original phrase "shopping in a store next town" has been replaced with "shopping in a store in the next town" to read more clearly. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 1-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US2003/0123079 ("Yamaguchi") and U.S. Patent No. 6,748,471 ("Keeney"). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 1 recites a "printer device provided with a printer identification." The Office Action asserts that this claim limitation is disclosed in Yamaguchi at paragraphs 121-122, which describe a network address of a digital copier. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this interpretation of Yamaguchi.

Yamaguchi discloses a network address of the digital copier. A printer device provided with a printer identification as described in paragraph 41 of Applicant's Specification is distinct from a network address of a digital copier because the printer identification is unique to the printer device itself, whereas the network address of a

digital copier merely recognizes the current network address that the digital copier is connected to. The printer identification of a printer device described in paragraph 41 of Applicant's Specification is predetermined and cannot be changed by the user or by moving the printer device to a different network location. The network address of Yamaguchi's digital copier, on the other hand, is not predetermined and may be changed by the user or by simply moving the printer to a different network location. See Yamaguchi at paragraph 115.

An additional deficiency with regard to Claim 1 that the Office Action notes is that "Yamaguchi does not teach a print system further comprising the host receiving the delivery request information table from the printer device, determining whether the requested contents should be delivered according to the printer identification included in the received delivery request information table, producing the print data of the contents on the basis of the specific information about the printer device, and delivering the print data to the printer device." See Office Action at page 3. In an effort to cure this noted deficiency in Yamaguchi, the Office Action refers to Keeney. However, Keeney fails to cure this deficiency.

Claim 1 recites "the host receiving the delivery request information table from the printer device." The portion of Keeney cited in the office action does not mention a host receiving a delivery request information table from a printer device. The cited portion of Keeney merely recites a "list of recipients authorized to retrieve a print job may be designated, wherein the print job may only be printed by the designated recipients. For example, a document or series of documents may be provided to the spooling server 50 which document or documents can be received by a designated group of recipients, such as a company's sales force, newsgroup or other content subscribers, or other target audiences." See Keeney at column 10, lines 56-63. In Keeney the document or documents are held in the spooling server to be received by designated recipients. However, unlike claim 1, in Keeney the host does not receive

delivery request information from the printer device. Thus, Keeney fails to recite the limitations of claim 1.

Claims 2-22 depend from, and contain all the limitations of claim 1. These dependent claims also recite additional limitations which, in combination with the limitations of claim 1, are neither disclosed nor suggested by Yamaguchi or Keeney and are also directed towards patentable subject matter. Thus, claims 2-22 should also be allowed.

Claim 23 recites a “delivery request terminal provided with a delivery request terminal identification.” The Office Action asserts that this claim limitation is disclosed in Yamaguchi, Figure 5, Document Location #502, Printer Address #503, and User Name #504. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

A delivery request terminal provided with a delivery request terminal identification is distinct from the Document Location, Printer Address, and User Name listed in Yamaguchi because the delivery request terminal identification is unique to the delivery request terminal itself as described in Applicant’s specification. The Document Location, Printer Address, and User Name listed in Yamaguchi, on the other hand, merely show the current content of certain fields that can be changed. See Yamaguchi at Figure 5, paragraph 115. The delivery request terminal identification of a delivery request terminal in Applicant’s Specification is predetermined and cannot be changed by the user, but the Document Location, Printer address, and User Name listed in Yamaguchi are not predetermined and may be changed by the user simply by entering different values. See Yamaguchi at Figure 5, paragraph 115.

Claim 23 further recites “the host receiving the delivery request information table from the delivery request terminal.” The portion of Keeney cited in the Office Action does not mention a host receiving a delivery request information table from a delivery request terminal. Instead, this portion merely recites “[a] list of recipients

authorized to retrieve a print job may be designated, wherein the print job may only be printed by the designated recipients. For example, a document or series of documents may be provided to the spooling server 50 which document or documents can be received by a designated group of recipients, such as a company's sales force, newsgroup or other content subscribers, or other target audiences." See Keeney at column 10, line 56-63. and "[t]he printer polling device 100 may be: (i) a stand-alone device connected to the printer 120 via a standard printer port, (ii) integrated into the firmware of the printer 120, (iii) integrated into the software of a network print server, or (iv) of any other suitable configuration. The printer polling function may also be integrated into the software on a stand-alone print server such as those manufactured by Electronics for Imaging, Inc. (Foster City, Calif.) under the trademarks Fiery® and EDOX®." See Keeney at column 7, line 50-59. Here in Keeney the document or documents are held in the spooling server to be received by designated recipients. However, unlike claim 23, in Keeney the host does not receive delivery request information from the printer device. Thus, Keeney fails to recite the limitations of claim 23.

Claims 24-44 depend from, and contain all the limitations of claim 23. These dependent claims also recite additional limitations which, in combination with the limitations of claim 23, are neither disclosed nor suggested by Yamaguchi or Keeney and are also directed towards patentable subject matter. Thus, claims 24-44 should also be allowed.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is

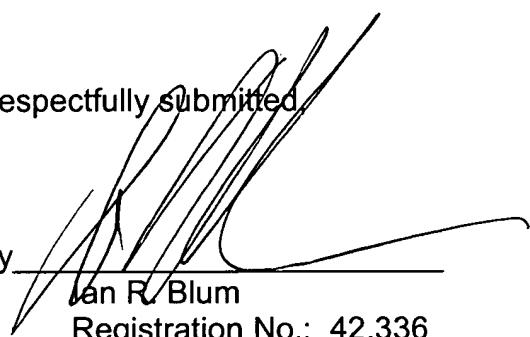
respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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